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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PROGRAMS IN LEBANON

1. I APPRECIATED YOUR OBSERVATIONS IN YOUR MARCH 24 LETTER. SORRY ABOUT NOT REPLYING SOONER WHICH, I ASSURE YOU, REFLECTS NOTHING MORE THAN THE FACT THAT OUR PLATTER HAS BEEN EXCEPTIONALLY OVERLOADED THESE PAST FEW WEEKS. THERE ARE SOME THINGS ON WHICH YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED A FULLER BRIEFING IN THE SHORT TIME YOU HAD BEFORE GOING TO BEIRUT, BUT WE WILL TALK THEM OVER IN DETAIL DURING YOUR CONSULTATIONS. WE ARE CERTAINLY READING ALL YOUR MESSAGES; THEY HAVE HELPED PRECIPITATE USEFUL REVIEWS AND DECISIONS HERE.

2. IN ADVANCE OF YOUR CONSULTATIONS, WE WILL BE TRYING TO GIVE YOU AT LEAST OUR INITIAL THOUGHTS ON SOME OF THE IMPORTANT ISSUES YOU HAVE BEEN RAISING RECENTLY. WE
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INTEND THAT YOUR CONSULTATION PERIOD BE AS PRODUCTIVE AS POSSIBLE. AS YOU MENTIONED IN ANOTHER MESSAGE, THIS WILL BE THE TIME TO MAKE SOME BASIC DECISIONS, INSHALLAH. WARMEST BEST WISHES TO YOU PERSONALLY AND TO THE EMBASSY'S SPLENDID STAFF.
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